

Meeting summary for OHCA NF Member Call (09/03/2024)

Quick recap

pete discussed the upcoming fall conference, the new location, and the importance of submitting nominations for awards. He also talked about the ongoing mandamus case, the updated Covid vaccine guidance, and the Excel Academy program. Additionally, he discussed the need for more frequent and shorter satisfaction surveys, the ongoing data collection process, and the upcoming transition to Pdpm.

Next steps

- OHCA members to submit award nominations for standout performers, especially direct care staff, by Friday's deadline.
 - OHCA members interested in participating in the Excel Academy program to submit applications by Friday's deadline.
 - OHCA members to consider attending Robin Hillier's seminar on September 17-18 about reimbursement, quality measures, and the transition to PDPM.
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Summary

Upcoming Fall Conference and Award Nominations

Mandy and pete discussed the upcoming fall conference, scheduled for the 25th and 26th of the month, and the new location at Bridge Park in Dublin. pete emphasized the importance of submitting nominations for the awards by Friday, highlighting the need for more nominations and the recognition of direct care staff. He also mentioned that the award winners from all member categories would be honored in their respective workplaces, a change from previous centrally located award ceremonies.

New Approach Deadline, Mandamus Case, and Covid Guidance

pete discussed the deadline for a new approach, which was set for Friday. He also mentioned the ongoing mandamus case, stating that the State had responded to their petition, but their motion to delay should be denied. pete also discussed the updated Covid vaccine guidance from the CDC, which would affect NHSN reporting and education requirements. He mentioned that the reporting requirements might change by the end of September. Lastly, pete talked about the Excel Academy, a new program from the State, which is soliciting volunteers for an intensive education consulting program. The deadline for volunteering was set for Friday.

Volunteer Solicitation and Survey Improvement Discussion

pete discussed the ongoing process of soliciting volunteers for a project, with the possibility of reviewing and selecting from the volunteers. He also mentioned the

Department of Aging's initiative to put together focus groups of providers, including assisted living and skilled nursing, to discuss changes to the satisfaction survey. Pete emphasized the need for a more frequent and shorter survey, citing the low participation rate and outdated information. He also mentioned his plan to convey these points directly to Oda, and encouraged participation in the focus groups for more validity.

Data Collection and Transition Strategy Discussion

Pete discussed the ongoing data collection process from the Department of Medicaid, which is crucial for determining the best transition approach to minimize negative impacts on providers. He mentioned that the data analysis is not unique, as it has been done by other states like Nevada and Louisiana. Pete emphasized the urgency of the situation, as the data that will affect the Pdpm case mix scores will start accruing in the 4th quarter of 2024. He expressed hope for a breakthrough in the near term, but until then, they do not have the necessary data for analysis.

PDPM Transition, Senate Bill 144, and Medication Aide Program

Pete discussed the upcoming transition to Pdpm, emphasizing the importance of understanding its impact on Medicare and Medicaid. He highlighted the expertise of Robin Hillier in this area and encouraged participants to attend her seminar. Pete also discussed the implementation of Senate Bill 144, particularly the changes to the medication aid program, which aims to make it easier for individuals to become certified as medication aides. He expressed optimism about the draft rules from the Board of Nursing and the potential for funding for medication aid training programs. Mandy and Gene were present but did not contribute to the discussion.

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